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Dear Sir / Madam

I'm very concerned about the upcoming dockets on genetically engineered products: Docket 00N-1396 & Docket 00D-1598

- Please ensure that the FDA require mandatory pre-market comprehensive environmental review.
- Please ensure that the FDA must require mandatory pre-market long-term health testing. Genetically Engineered products could cause allergic responses, have lower nutritional value, and compromise immune responses in consumers.
- Please ensure that the FDA must require mandatory labeling of Genetically Engineered products. Without mandatory
 labeling, neither consumers nor health professionals will know if an allergic or toxic reaction was the result of a genetically
 engineered food. Consumers would be deprived of the critical knowledge they need to hold food producers liable should any
 of these novel products be hazardous.

I'm very worried that my choice of what I eat is being taken away from me. I think it's extremely important that the consumer be allowed to choose. I'm very upset that voluntary labeling of non-ge foods will be restricted. I'm very respectful of science and modern technology and am grateful for all the benefits we have from them but I would also like to ensure that **freedom in the action to make a choice** be preserved. If you do not allow me to choose between a ge food and a non ge food then in effect you are forcing me against my will.

The FDA's current proposed rules do not require ecological and environment safety testing or mandatory labeling. I think this is appalling and reaks of pro-industry when the FDA should be pro-consumer. I am a consumer. I wish to choose. I wish to be supportive of manufacturers who I believe support the environment and are interested in the health and well being of their consumers.

Fathfully

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